IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims as follows:

1-10. (canceled)

11.(currently amended) A coated article, comprising a nickel base superalloy substrate consisting essentially of, in weight %, about 3% to about 12% Cr, up to about 15% Co, up to about 3% Mo, about 3% to about 10% W, up to about 6% Re, about 5% to about 7% Al, up to about 2% Ti, up to about 1% Fe, up to about 2% Nb, about 3% to about 12% Ta, up to about 0.07% C, about 0.030% to about 0.80% Hf, up to about 0.10% Zr, up to about 0.02% B, up to about 0.050% of a rare earth element, and balance Ni and incidental impurities, an outwardly grown diffusion aluminide bondcoat on the substrate, and a ceramic thermal barrier coating disposed on the bondcoat ~~and having~~ wherein ~~improved resistance to~~ spallation life of the ceramic thermal barrier coating during ~~due to~~ cyclic oxidation is prolonged.

12.(original) The article of claim 11 wherein the rare earth element is selected from the group consisting of Y and Lanthanide series elements with atomic numbers from 58 to 71.

13.(original) The article of claim 12 wherein about 0.0005% to about 0.050 weight % of said rare earth element is present.

14.(original) The article of claim 11 having a sulfur concentration of 2 ppm by weight or less.

15.(previously presented) The article of claim 11 wherein the Hf concentration of the substrate is from about 0.33% to about 0.80% by weight.

16. (previously presented) The article of claim 11 wherein the outwardly grown diffusion aluminide bondcoat comprises a single phase platinum-modified diffusion aluminide coating.